## REMARKS

The Office Action allowed Claims 10 and 11 and indicated that dependent Claims 2-9 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowed subject matter of Claim 2, and it is believed that Claims 1 and 3-9 are now allowable.

The Office Action raised an issue with regards to the drawing and it is believed that the attached replacement sheet resolves this issue.

Additionally, the amendment to Claim 1 is believed to moot the objection to the specification.

In view of the amendments hereto, it is believed the case is now in condition for allowance and early notification of the same is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would help further the prosecution in this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 22, 2006.

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## **IN THE DRAWINGS**:

See the replacement sheet for Figure 2.